

## NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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**To:** Office of Planning and Research  
Post Office Box 3044  
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**From:** Department of Water Resources  
State Water Project Analysis Office  
1416 9<sup>th</sup> Street  
Sacramento, California 95814

**Project Title:** Department of Water Resources Conveyance of up to 53,300 acre-feet of Non-SWP Water to Kern County Water Agency (SWPAO #21005)

**Location – Specific:** From O'Neill Forebay and/or Banks Pumping Plant to KCWA's turnout(s) in Reaches 9 through 13B of the California Aqueduct

**Location – County:** Kern County

**Description of Activity:** The Department of Water Resources of the State of California (DWR) will convey up to 53,300 acre-feet of Kern-Tulare Water District's 2021 and 2022 Central Valley Project (CVP) water supplies (Non-Project Water) to Kern County Water Agency (KCWA). The United States Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation) will make the Non-Project Water available to DWR at Banks Pumping Plant and/or O'Neill Forebay for subsequent delivery by DWR to KCWA's service area by February 28, 2022, in accordance with Article 55 of KCWA's Water Supply Contract with DWR.

**Name of Public Agency Approving or Carrying out Activity:** KCWA (lead agency), DWR (responsible agency), Reclamation

**Exempt Status:**

- Ministerial
- Declared Emergency
- Emergency Project
- Categorical Exemption: Class 1; CEQA Guidelines Section 15301, existing facility
- Statutory Exemption: California Water Code Section 1729

**Reason why activity is exempt:**

- a. The project is a water management operation using only existing facilities.
- b. The project will not support new development or a change in land use.
- c. The project does not establish a new permanent source of water supply.
- d. State Water Project long-term water supply contract includes provisions for conveyance of non-project water to SWP contractors.

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Signature: John Leahigh  
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Department of Water Resources

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